

P.A.N.D.A. Meeting Minutes
Parents Association of Notre Dame Academy
Wednesday, September 6, 2017

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Remarks from President – Melissa Thompson
 - Welcome to NDA families and faculty!
 - Presentation of startup funds for teachers
 - Spirit Wear shirts purchased by PANDA will be coming next week (any time parents attend PANDA meeting, children can wear their Spirit Wear shirts the next day)
- Testing Week – Sue Ratkewicz and Jenny Raetz
 - Iowa Test Basic Skills (ITBS) Testing for grades 2 through 8
 - Sports Theme
 - Testing September 25 through 29
 - Try to avoid appointments during this week
 - Perfect attendance out-of-uniform prize
 - Assembly week to be held before testing week
 - Volunteers needed!
 - Snacks, prizes needed!
 - Email to be sent out soon
- Principal's Report – Linda Hobbs
 - Enrollment – 89 students at end of last school year; 102 students enrolled this year! Not too late to register; if you know of anyone interested, pass along that NDA is still accepting new students
 - Grades 6-8 to visit Althoff next week
 - Vision and Hearing screenings start next week
 - Students in Pre S, PK, K, 2nd, and 8th will have vision screening and students in Pre-S, PK, K 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be screened for hearing. Also, any new students will be screened for vision and hearing. You will be notified if any referrals are needed for your child.
 - Safety drills start next week
 - Fire drill, tornado drill, earthquake drill, intruder drill
 - Principal's Friday newsletter via email – if you're not receiving this or would like a hard copy, let Linda know
 - Continue to check your teachers' websites (including Mrs. Hobbs', which includes Calendar)
<http://www.notredamebelleville.org/faculty-and-staff/>
 - Sweatshirt order forms went home today – return by end of September
 - Houston Adopt-A-Classroom program - Mrs. Rasmussen and Mrs. Raetz submitted to adopt a class. Information will be shared as soon as it becomes available
 - Lego Robotics Program – 4th to 8th Grade
 - Joe DiGiovanni to run program; need some parents to help out
 - Chess team – we'd love to have this program, once a week or biweekly after school, kids get together to play chess. If anyone who plays chess is interested in this program, please contact the office (must be up to date on Child Protection)
 - Child Protection Classes - necessary for anyone to volunteer
 - Initial training (provided at various locations; schedule on NDA website)
 - Application for volunteer form
 - Background Check Authorization Form (CANTS) – updated annually

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- CANTS form can take up to 2 months for approval; when renewal is due, please complete and submit to office as soon as you can
 - Refresher course must be completed online every year
 - Additional info and links on [NDA website](#)
- Extracurricular activities
 - Scholar Bowl – first meeting Wednesday September 13
 - Math Team – 7th and 8th Grade – Mrs. Hobbs to send out information soon; first competition at the end of October
 - More information regarding other programs will be sent home with students. Also, be sure to check the teachers' websites, read the Friday newsletter, and refer to Mrs. Hobbs' calendar on her webpage for info
- Treasurer's Report – provided at meeting
- Upcoming Events
 - September 23 – St. Augustine's Parish Picnic
 - Need booth helpers; signup sheet in St. A's Church
 - Chicken dinner starts at 3:30 pm
 - Picnic runs from 4 pm to 12 am
 - September 30 - Cathedral Food Truck Festival
 - October 28 – Trunk or Treat – to be held at Cathedral Campus
 - November 3-4 – Rummage Sale
 - Half the proceeds from rummage sale to be used to purchase classroom supplies; need classroom wish lists from teachers
- Fundraisers – these help PANDA provide for many events throughout the school year, such as the Solar Eclipse party, Ice Cream Social, Teacher Luncheon during Catholic Schools Week. PANDA needs your help in raising funds for our school!
 - \$500 Tuition Credit – 3 credits to be given away at the end of the school year
 - Every 5 hours of volunteer work gets a raffle entry (per person)
 - Events to work – Food Truck Fest, Trunk or Treat, Rummage Sale, Christmas Elves Workshop, Breakfast with Santa, School Auction, possibly others
 - Can only win 1 credit
 - \$25 Credit towards lunch account, aftercare account, or tuition
 - Working lunchroom/playground duty (11:40 am to 12:40 pm) gets a raffle entry (must be up to date on Child Protection)
 - November drawing for those who worked in September/October
 - September 9 – Shop Local in Downtown Belleville
 - Posted on PANDA FB page; mention NDA, and school gets 15% of sale
 - October 17-18 – Papa John's (3809 N Belt West location only)
 - Every other month, 2 days at a time
 - NDA gets 20%
 - September 25 – October 5 – Trash Bag Fundraiser
 - \$12 a roll
 - Box Tops for Education and Coke Rewards codes (bottle caps/cartons) – please submit these to your teacher or to the office
 - Box Tops App for your phone!

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- Information from the Athletic Directors – Christine Jones
 - Soccer – K-2 Co-Ed won their first game!
 - Basketball season starts October 1
 - Grades 4-8
 - Registration forms to be sent out next week
 - If you have a child playing softball, baseball, or soccer for another school, email christine.jones@notredamebelleville.org who you're playing for, sport, copy of physical, how you paid sports fee, and a photo/team photo
 - Athletics Trivia Night – January 20 – more info to come
 - If your child is playing an indoor sport, you will be assigned to work concessions in the gym during game
- BINGO Update/Information
 - Bingo Schedule is up and online <http://www.notredamebelleville.org/resources/bingo-schedule/>
 - Sign up and pick your dates for the year
 - 3 signups per child (K-8)
 - Schedule runs from September 2017 through August 2018
 - September already drawn and filled at random
 - October through August, sign up online (first come first serve)
 - Signup period ends November 1 – any vacant slots will be filled by families that have not met the signup requirement
 - Once the signup period ends on November 1, the schedule is locked. If you are unable to work your scheduled shift, it is your responsibility to find a replacement through the family network.
 - Thanks to everyone who worked this past summer. Best crowds ever, averaging 145. Celebrating 7 years of Bingo at St. A's next month!
 - 8th Graders to have bake sale next month (date TBA)
 - Taking donations for hurricane relief in Houston during Bingo on September 9
- Roundtable/Questions/Comments
 - Becky Worthen and Carla Bouc are taking over the Youth Group for St. Mary's. Combining Cathedral, St. Mary's, St. Teresa's, and St. John's (Smithton); trying to get St. Augustine's on board. Grades 6 through 12, incredibly FUN, faith activities. Encourage your kids to participate; they will have a good time! Kids can bring a friend; they can be from any school, and they don't have to be Catholic to come.
 - September 27 at St. Teresa's – Nacho Bar followed by Parents vs. Kids dodgeball
- 50/50 Raffle
- Closing Prayer

Thank you all for coming!

Next meeting Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7 pm